

[54] ILLUMINATED URETHRAL CATHETER

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ABSTRACT

A urethral catheter includes a flexible transparent catheter tube, a drainage adapter having a major aperture secured to the proximal end of the catheter tube, a minor aperture axially aligned with the major aperture and a drainage funnel located between the apertures and a fiber optic member having means on one end for attachment to a light source and a flexible fiber optic strand on the other end thereof extending through the minor and major apertures and through the interior lumen of the tube with the distal end located adjacent the distal end of the tube. An end portion of the fiber optic within the tube is abraded to provide circumferential illumination extending outwardly of the fiber optic end through the transparent tube. The fiber optic may be axially adjusted within the tube by means of the sliding fit with the minor aperture of the drainage adapter.

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